

DCMA-OC

MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

SUBJECT: Staff Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2000

DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DCMA) SUPPORTS LEAN AEROSPACE INITIATIVE (LAI). As a part of DCMA's continued support to outside groups, the HQ Deputy Director (Engineering) is participating as a member of the Lean Enterprise Self Assessment Tool (LESAT) Integrated Product Team (IPT). This joint Government-Industry Team was formed based on the recommendation from LAI co-chairs. The purpose of this team is to develop a self-assessment tool which will allow commercial and government organizations to objectively measure the extent to which lean practices have been implemented across the enterprise. The target date for the completion of the enterprise level model is December 2000. This team is chaired by Northrop Grumman and the co-chairs are from Air Force and MIT.

DCMA-OCT PROVIDED A BRIEFING TO DPSC PHILADELPHIA ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2000. Provided update to DPSC on how DCMA is managing the quality assurance risks at plants producing under the Joint Services Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology (JSLIST) program. This briefing was, in part, to prepare DPSC for testimony later this month before the House Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, which is under the Committee on Government Reform. The JSLIST program is producing suits designed to give soldiers protection in the event of chemical/biological attacks. DoD testimony was requested due to problems experienced with in-stock "*Chemsuits*" (*old design*).

RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING AT LOCKHEED MARTIN DENVER. DCMA participated in a risk management meeting at the Lockheed Martin Deer Creek facility in Denver, Colorado, on June 6th and 7th. The purpose of the meeting was to review how risk management was performed on the Titan and Atlas launch programs. A visit will be made to Boeing in Huntington Beach at the end of June to review their risk management approach on the Delta program. The Air Force is using the information from these reviews to come up with an overall risk management approach for launch systems.

DCMA PRICING AND NEGOTIATION CONFERENCE. DCMA Contract Business Operations, Cost and Pricing Group held a Pricing and Negotiation Conference in Tampa, Florida. The changes in the Federal Acquisition Regulations resulting from the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act, the Clinger-Cohen Act, the FAR Part 15 Rewrite and other regulatory changes, give the DCMA Professional much more flexibility in determining the "Right Price" the Government will pay for an item. This conference focused on these changes, possible future changes, and the tools for performing the valuable DCMA service of contract pricing and negotiation. Participants reported that the conference was extremely valuable.

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